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Inspection of immigrants at subports of San Juan during the week ended January 19, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *January 22, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at subports of Porto Rico during the week ended January 19, 1901:

Mayaguez.—January 13, Spanish steamship *Cataluna*, from Genoa, Italy, and Spanish ports, with 2 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

TURKEY.

Further concerning plague at Smyrna.

SMYRNA, TURKEY, *January 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have to confirm my telegram of this date as follows:

SMYRNA, TURKEY, *January 9, 1901.*

Secretary of State, Washington: Plague since January 2.—LANE.

I beg to report in connection therewith that during the last week in December, 1900, there were 11 unexplained deaths in one family in a neighboring village. These are classed as infectious pneumonia. A death occurred in the city proper January 2, 1901, which has since been microscopically diagnosed as plague. There has since that date been no second case. The entire coast of Turkey and Greece is quarantined against Smyrna.

Respectfully,

RUFUS W. LANE,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Report No. 259.]

Report from Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, *January 18, 1901.*

Plague news.

SIR: I am happy to state that no manifestation whatever of plague has taken place since those announced in my last report dated January 10, that of Smyrna and that of Constantinople. About the latter I must not omit the report that while the dead body of the man who died from plague was laid in the mortuary room, where the post-mortem examination was to be performed, the rats had eaten some parts of the face, the left lip, the left cheek, and the genital organs. According to the official declaration the rats have not eaten but one centimeter square of the left lip, therefore great quantities of disinfectants have been thrown into the sewers.

The virus Danisz does not exist in Constantinople, though more than once the Ottoman Government was asked to bring from Paris some tubes. I have asked it myself. According to the official reports, the deceased presented during the eight or ten days of illness symptoms of pneumonia and of typhoid fever. A necropsy not having been performed, we do not know what anatomical lesions the lungs or the intestines had.